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**AMENDMENT TO THE COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY MR. BOUCHER OF VIRGINIA**

Downconversion

On page 30, line 6, strike the period and inserting a semicolon, and after line 6, insert the following new clause:

1 (iii) a local television station that re-
2 ceives programming in a high-definition
3 digital format from a network with which
4 it is affiliated must broadcast that pro-
5 gramming without material degradation or
6 conversion to standard-definition digital
7 format;

8 (iv) a cable operator or satellite car-
9 rier that elects to convert the primary
10 video stream and program-related material
11 to standard-definition digital format in lieu
12 of offering it in the digital format trans-
13 mitted by the local television station—

14 (I) shall be required to display a
15 visual notice to its subscribers inform-
16 ing them that the programming they
17 are viewing was originally broadcast



1 in high-definition digital format but
2 has been voluntarily downgraded to
3 standard-definition digital format at
4 the election of the cable operator or
5 satellite carrier; and

6 (II) shall be required to display
7 such visual notice for no less than 15
8 seconds at the beginning of each pro-
9 gram for which the cable operator or
10 satellite carrier has converted the pri-
11 mary video stream and program-re-
12 lated material to standard-definition
13 digital format in lieu of offering it in
14 the digital format transmitted by the
15 local television station; and

16 (v) the Commission shall promulgate
17 regulations to implement clauses (iii) and
18 (iv) of this subparagraph which include
19 provision for a waiver of such regulations
20 if the Commission determines that tech-
21 nical or capacity limitations make it infea-
22 sible for a cable operator or satellite car-
23 rier to offer a broadcaster's primary video
24 stream and program-related material in
25 high-definition digital format.

